

## Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

### PRICE OF STATE GOVERNMENT WILL RAISE COST OF LIVING

A simple slogan, its origin obscure, adorns the walls of several Salem offices near Oregon's Capitol. It reads:

"No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the legislature is in session."

The statement was made by a New York appeals court judge in 1866. He described it then as an "old saying," and may have paraphrased the original. It may first have been uttered by Thomas Jefferson, a frequent critic of legislative tyranny, who also forecast eventual executive tyranny at some point in the distant future.

Whatever its source, one must presume that since the 58th biennial session of the Oregon legislature adjourned June 14, we are now safe again. But experience tells us it will be months before even lawmakers learn precisely what they did to or for life, liberty and property during their 153-day third-longest session on record.

No one will question that life, liberty and property were among the myriad subjects involved during consideration of 2,630 proposals introduced and passage of 867 measures—both of which also are all-time records for legislative activity. And the sheer magnitude of newly enacted law, coupled with last-minute compromises on many by a record number of conference committees during the session's waning days, further complicates an early accurate assessment.

Nonetheless, a quick tabulation of the monetary impact of much new legislation lends ample credence to the old saying and each of the state's 792,000 households may wind up about \$200 poorer before the Oregon Assembly meets in regular session again in January 1977.

This premise is based on an examination of enacted measures bearing new appropriations or providing additional funding for expanded programs conducted by state and local governments in this biennium. The total amounts to something more than \$300 million and could run as high as \$400 million before the two years are up.

Involvement are some 48 Senate Bills and 56 House Bills, each with a new price tag. Cost figures for 30 of the Senate measures have been firmly forecast, the remainder are indeterminate and cost for those really won't be known until biennium's end.

Forecasted costs are available for 41 of the new House Bills and prices of the remaining 15 are indeterminate. Added to these are new fees and charges for education and other activities and the cost figure hits \$300 million.

Prior to this year's legislative session, majority leadership said it would create no new taxes and pretty well lived up to this pledge as far as direct taxes are concerned. Already existing corporate taxes were increased \$8.9 million. Reform of the personal income tax provides a reduction for most taxpayers but will bring in an additional \$27 million from taxpayers who make something more than \$30,000 a year.

Owners of small woodlots will pay more direct taxes and resident of the mass transit districts may pay as much as \$25.6 million more in income taxes if they approve such levies. None of these taxing systems are new. And all are direct.

But the teeth of state government will be gnawing steadily on the pocketbooks of all Oregonians by virtue of a proliferation of indirect, hidden taxes in the form of fees, licenses and regulatory charges that are bound to raise each family's cost of living.

Even discounting the income tax break for most taxpayers, that cost will rise at least \$100 a year.

These hidden taxes are part of the revenue supporting the "Other Funds" portion of the state's massive \$5.1 billion budget for the next two years. Altogether, that portion of the budget is \$2.6 billion, double its total in 1971-73 up \$700 million over the 1973-75 biennium.

The balance of the state's operating money is provided by federal funds hopefully totalling \$1.1 billion during the new biennium—up \$400 million since 1971-73 and \$300 million more than in 1973-75.

For the average Oregonian, the greatest significance attached to this increase of hidden taxes is the fact they are assessed largely against business to pay for government regulation in one form or



Don Hudson, a recent graduate from high school in New Cumberland, West Va., arrived in Mill City Tuesday afternoon at Rev. Richard Halstead's home. He started out on his bicycle from his home in West Virginia on May 17th and arrived in Mill City one day ahead of schedule. The most miles he traveled in one day was 130. He averaged overall about 75 miles a day.

Don is active in the Christian Endeavor group of the Christian church in New Cumberland, and decided he would bicycle to the International Christian Endeavor Convention which began in Portland on June 30th. He wrote to pastors of Christian churches across the country telling of his plans and was welcomed in homes along the way to stay overnight and for meals. For instance, in Oregon he stayed overnight his first night with people in the Christian church at Nyssa; then he went to Brogan, John Day, Prineville, Redmond, Sisters and to Mill

City.

He stayed overnight here in Mill City with the Bill Shepherd family and attended the Oregon Christian Convention at Turner on Tuesday night. Don was amazed at the size of the logs on some of the logging trucks which passed him on his way to Mill City, and was intrigued by the sawmills and plywood mills here. He left Mill City Wednesday afternoon for Turner and planned on bicycling to the Community Christian Church in McMinnville on Thursday. From there he planned to bicycle to the Pacific Ocean at Lincoln City and on to Portland on Saturday.

another.

It is estimated business will absorb perhaps 5 per cent to 7 per cent of those taxes and accept lower profits in that amount. As much as 30 per cent may be exported in the form of higher prices for buyers of Oregon products out of state. But the balance will be paid by this state's consumers of goods and service and that means an obvious increase in the cost of living.

Among all the new laws enacted, not one condemned any person to death. A few dealt with jail and prison sentences but did nothing to impair the relative freedom of the law-abiding. Likewise none mandated unjust confiscation of homes or belongings. Nevertheless, the truth of that old saying becomes obvious to all whose life, liberty and property will be touched by newly imposed costs of government.

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Andrews portrays a college professor who has experienced and found help for a hearing loss. Contrasted with Andrews is another central character of the movie, a successful architect whose career and family relationship are threatened by his unrelieved hearing impairment.

In addition to the obvious problem of not being able to clearly hear and understand, the architect also is experiencing the psychological side effects frequently displayed by persons with unrelieved hearing losses. These include withdrawing from social activities, acquiring a reputation as "hard to get along with" and feelings of persecution.

Organizations and schools interested in showing "Curse Not The Deaf" should contact their local authorized Beltone dealer, or write: Public Relations Department, Beltone Electronics Corporation, 4201 West Victoria St., Chicago, Ill. 60646.

## OBITUARIES

### ANNE MARIE FERGUSON

Graveside services were held for Anne Marie Ferguson, 71, of 430 Vista S. E., Salem, at Fairview Cemetery near Gates at 2 p. m., Friday afternoon, June 27, with the Rev. C. Todd Martin of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Salem officiating.

Mrs. Ferguson, a long-time resident of Mill City, passed away at a Salem nursing home on Monday, June 23, after having been hospitalized recently from a heart condition. She was a retired State worker, having been employed at the Fairview Hospital for a number of years.

Mrs. Ferguson lost her first husband, John Dawes, many years ago when he was electrocuted while answering a call as a volunteer fireman in Mill City when he was a partner in the local meat market with his brother-in-law, Tom Booth. His widow then worked in the market several years with Jack Colburn. Later, she married Dr. David J. Ferguson, a pastor of the local Presbyterian church. He passed away after they moved to Salem. Also preceding her in death was her daughter, Virginia Dawes Jensen. Surviving are her son, Rob-

ert Dawes, of Los Angeles; a sister, Mrs. Roy (Marie) Simpson, of Lincoln City; a brother, Henry Schmidbauer, of Grants Pass, who is very ill following a stroke; and three grandchildren, Chris, Vicki, and Kevin Dawes, all of Los Angeles, where their father is an attorney. The elder granddaughter, Chris, had been living with Mrs. Ferguson in Salem where she works as court recorder for P.U.C.

Weddle Funeral Home in Stayton was in charge of arrangements.

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12:00 P.M.—Main Parade—Starts at the new park on Fairview St.—Sponsored by Steering Committee.

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